

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 21, 1859.

Sir :

I desire to obtain for the Cabinet of the Mint, if practicable, one or more copies of every Medal, Medallet, Coin or Token on which the head or name of Washington appears.

The possessor of any such memorial of Washington will confer an obligation by sending me a description of it, and state whether he is willing to present it to the Mint, or dispose of it, either for cash, and if so, at what price, or exchange it for other Coins or Medals. In the course of a recent investigation I ascertained the existence of sixty different Memorials of the above character, and there are doubtless others which have escaped my notice.

A few of these medals, &c., are now in the Mint, but I desire, if possible, to supply the Cabinet with a full set of these interesting memorials of the "Father of his Country." To accomplish which object I invite the co-operation of my fellow-citizens.

I am, very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

James Ross Snowden,

Director of the Mint of the United States.